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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
; SILVEIRA - BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS SAW SILVEIRA AT ARAUJO
CASTRO FUNERAL AND HAS JUST SUPPLIED US WITH OBSERVATIONS
REGARDING (1) SILVEIRA'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH YOU ALONE
PRIOR TO CIEC DISCUSSION; (2) YOUR VISIT TO BRAZIL; (3)
GEISEL VISIT TO US; (4) ZIONIST RESOLUTION; (5) ANGOLA;
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(6) BILATERAL CONSULTATION; AND (7) ECONOMIC ISSUES. END

SUMMARY.

1. PRIVATE TALKS. SILVEIRA APPEARS CONCERNED REGARDING HIS DOMESTIC POSITION AND TWICE IN RECENT DAYS HAS ASKED TO HAVE SOME TIME ALONE WITH YOU PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS ON CIEC.

2. YOUR VISIT TO BRAZIL. WHEN INFORMED BY CRIMMINS THAT A JANUARY VISIT LOOKED IMPOSSIBLE, SILVEIRA APPEARED VISIBLY DISAPPOINTED.

3. GEISEL VISIT TO U.S. SILVEIRA HAS ASKED CRIMMINS WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE PURSUED. CRIMMINS REITERATED NEED FOR EARLY DECISION IN VIEW 1976 SCHEDULE COMPLICATIONS. CRIMMINS IS DOUBTFUL INVITATION TO GEISEL WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PRIOR COMMITMENT BY YOU FOR A PRIOR VISIT TO BRAZIL, AND RECOMMENDS INITIATIVE ON GEISEL VISIT BE LEFT TO SILVEIRA, WHO HE THINKS WILL RAISE IT IF THERE HAS BEEN PRIOR AGREEMENT ON YOUR VISIT.

4. ZIONIST RESOLUTION. SILVEIRA IS PATENTLY ON THE DEFENSIVE WITH US ON THIS, AND HAS NO APPARENT DOMESTIC SUPPORT. CRIMMINS RECOMMENDS YOU DO NOT RAISE THIS, BUT IF SILVEIRA DOES, AGREE THAT IN RETROSPECT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE HAD TRANSMITTED OUR STRONG VIEWS BY A PERSONAL LETTER.

5. ANGOLA. SILVEIRA, EGOCENTRIC, APPEARS TO CONSIDER YOUR STATEMENTS ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT BRAZIL. INTERNALLY, HE HAS BEEN HIT HARDER BY HIS DOMESTIC CRITICS ON THIS THAN ON ZIONIST ISSUE. TO OUR PEOPLE HE HAS REGRETTED OUR STATEMENTS REGARDING CUBAN INVOLVEMENT HAD NOT COME FOUR MONTHS EARLIER. CRIMMINS SUGGESTS YOU CORRECT ANY IDEA SILVEIRA HAS THAT WE ARE TARGETTING ON BRAZIL, GO OVER OUR CONCERNS AND CONSONANT WITH THEM THE STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN WITH THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

6. BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. THIS IS RELATED TO FIRMNESS OF YOUR VISIT, BUT SILVEIRA HAS BEEN WAITING

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FOR TWO MONTHS FOR A REPLY TO HIS LATEST LETTER ON THIS TOPIC.

7. ECONOMIC ISSUES. WHILE LESS IMMEDIATE IN NATURE, CRIMMINS CONSIDERS THIS AREA TO CONTAIN THE REAL, HARD, ENDURING AND SCARIFYING PROBLEM BETWEEN US. OF A POSITIVE NATURE YOU CAN REFER TO DRAFT COFFEE AGREEMENT, GSP (TO WHICH SILVEIRA PERSONALLY RESPONDED POSITIVELY)

AND THE EFFORTS TO WORK OUT ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE MTN'S.
(IF HE RAISES IT, SILVEIRA COULD MENTION A NUMBER OF
AREAS IN WHICH US RESTRICTIONS ARE LOOMING.). INGERSOLL

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